

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The rates of royalty on coal were last revised on 16-08-2002.

(b) The Twelfth Finance Commission recommended that the rates of royalty may be fixed on *ad-valorem* basis.

(c) The Government is considering the report of Committee constituted by the Ministry of Coal on 02-06-2005 to consider the revision of rates of royalty on coal and lignite.

Proposals for new power projects made by Chhattisgarh

†2422. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals pending in his Ministry for providing coal linkage for new power projects forwarded by the State Government of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the date of pendency of such proposals;

(c) the requirement of coal (in metric tonnes) under each proposal; and

(d) the details of hindrances in taking action after approval of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) The following proposals for coal linkage for new power projects received from Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB) with date of receipts of application in the Ministry and the quantity of coal involved therein are given as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the TPS	Capacity in MW	Date of receipt of application	Coal requirement (as per the norms of Ministry of Power)
1.	Marwa TPS	1000(2X500)	30-3-2005	4.62 mtpa
2.	Korba South	800-1000	21-4-2006	4.62 mtpa

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In addition to the above, there is another request for grant of long-term coal linkage for 6 MW Co-generation project of Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board at Kawardha, received on 30-7-2004.

The Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term), an Inter-Ministerial Committee, in its meeting held on 11-5-2006 considered the proposals for grant of coal linkage to Marwa TPS and Korba South. It was brought to the notice of the Committee that "Coal Block" had been allotted to Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board and therefore, the Committee did not consider these proposals for grant of long term coal linkage for these projects.

The proposals for grant of coal linkage to power project having capacity of 10 MW and below are not considered by the Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) at present, as per the extant policy. Therefore, request for grant of coal linkage for Kawardha project having capacity of 6 MW has not been considered.

Coal mines closed in Chhindwada

†2423. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of coal mines which have been closed down during the last three years in District Chhindwada alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of labourers rendered unemployed as a result of closure of mines;

(c) if not, the details of the action taken to utilize the services of labourers;

(d) whether the proposals are under consideration to start Sharda and Haradol Coal mines at Pench/Kanhan areas at Chhindwada, M.P.; and

(e) if so, by when the same would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) One coal mine, namely, Bansi Under Ground (UG) mine has been closed down during the last three years in the

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